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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2, 4-15 and 17-21 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicants cancel Claim 3 and amend Claim 5.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 4, 7, and 13-15 are allowed, and that Claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 2, 5, 6, 8-11, and 17-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Van Dyke et al. (U.S. 6,657,130). Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Van Dyke et al. in view of Chakravorty (U.S. 6,970,362). Claims 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Van Dyke et al. in view of Ehman et al. (6,021,050).

Applicants' Claim 5 has been amended to recite the features of allowable Claim 3. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 5 is allowable. Claims 2, 6, 8-12, and 17-21 depend upon Claim 5, and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons that Claim 5 is allowable. In addition, Claims 4, 7, and 13-15 are allowable as indicated by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition the Commissioner for a One-Month Extension of Time, extending to February 19, 2007 (February 17, 2007 falls on a Saturday), the period for response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2006.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

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